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ALABAMA, North Central

ALZ006	Madison								
	02	1200CST			0	0	0	0	Excessive Heat
		1700CST							
	The record high of 68 degrees was tied at the Huntsville airport.								
ALZ024	Jefferson								
	03	1200CST			0	0	0	0	Excessive Heat
		1700CST							
	The record high of 72 degrees was tied at the Birmingham airport.								
ALZ006	Madison								
	03	1200CST			0	0	0	0	Excessive Heat
		1700CST							
	The record high of 68 degrees was tied at the Huntsville airport.								
Colbert County									
9 SW Cherokee	04	2143CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G52)
	A 60 mph wind gust was reported in Allsboro in the western part of the county.								
Lauderdale County									
14 NW Florence	04	2150CST			0	0	5K	1K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Trees were blown down in Threet in the western part of the county.								
Morgan County									
Decatur	04	2330CST			0	0	15K	3K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	A tree was blown onto a house and a garage and six tree were downed in the area southwest of Decatur.								
Madison County									
9 E Huntsville	04	2350CST			0	1	15K	1K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	A mobile home was damaged during a thunderstorm in Brownsboro in the eastern part of the county. There was one minor injury.								
Jackson County									
10 SE Stevenson to	05	0030CST	2.7	50	0	0	60K	5K	Tornado (F0)
11.5 SE Stevenson		0035CST							
	A thunderstorm hit the Flat Rock area at exactly 12:30 am with what was probably a weak tornado. A church sustained heavy damage; the west wall collapsed and the roof fell in. Forty to 50 -foot oak trees near the church were downed. About a mile down the path of damage, a roof had shingles lifted off and several large trees were downed. About two miles from the church, 15 to 20 large pine trees were downed. The damage was very isolated to the path. A house 100 feet from the church sustained no damage.								
Dekalb County									
Henagar	05	0044CST			0	0	0	0	Thunderstorm Wind
	Strong wind estimated at 72 mph with several gusts to 62 mph were reported in the Henagar area.								
Marshall County									
Arab	05	0105CST			0	0	5K	2K	Flash Flood
		0145CST							
	Several roads were reported underwater in the town of Arab in the southwestern part of the county.								
Jefferson County									
Pinson	05	0114CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Several trees were downed along with some power lines in the Pinson area.								
Etowah County									
Gadsden	05	0117CST			0	0	10K	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G65)
	A wind gust between 55 and 75 mph was reported by Gadsden-Etowah County EMA by their measuring equipment at the EOC in Gadsden. Trees and power lines were downed across the county with about 2,500 customers without power for up to 11 hours.								
St. Clair County									
Countywide	05	0130CST			0	0	7K	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
	Several trees and power lines were downed in Wolf Creek in the southern part of the county. Several trees were also reported downed near Whitney in the northern part of the county.								
Blount County									
Oneonta	05	0145CST			0	0	80K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
	Straight-line wind damaged two hangars and three airplanes at the Oneonta Municipal Airport. The roof was town off one hangar, and a door was torn off another.								
Randolph County									
Wedowee	05	0315CST			0	0	5K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)



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A few trees were downed just north and just west of Wedowee in the central part of the county.

Autauga County **17 N Prattville**

08 0925CST **0** **0** **3K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime sized hail was reported in Marbury in the northeast part of Autauga County.

Coosa County **11 SE Rockford**

08 0945CST **0** **0** **3K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
A storm spotter reported seeing dime size hail piled up along the road near Equality in the southeast part of the county.

Elmore County **5 NW Eclectic**

08 0945CST **0** **0** **3K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
A spotter reported seeing dime size hail along the road near Central in the northern part of the county.

Tallapoosa County **Dadeville**

08 1005CST **0** **0** **5K** **1K** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime size hail was reported to be three inches deep and was on the ground for several hours.

Chambers County **9 NE Lafayette**

08 1035CST **0** **0** **5K** **1K** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime size hail was reported near Five Points in the northeast part of the county. The hail was still on the ground at 11:00 am.

Winston County **Haleyville**

08 1845CST **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Lightning**
A lightning bolt struck a tree outside a house and traveled into the house. A hole went through the vinyl siding and damaged the wood. Several windows were shattered.

Jackson County **10 NE Scottsboro**

09 0000CST **0** **0** **18K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Several trees were blown down in Martintown in the central part of the county. One tree landed on top of a car. An equipment trailer was picked up and moved about 30 yards.

ALZ001>010

Lauderdale - Colbert - Franklin - Lawrence - Limestone - Madison - Morgan - Marshall - Jackson - Dekalb

10 1000CST **0** **0** **64K** **0** **Winter Storm**
2000CST

One to two inches of snow fell during a snowstorm that entered into northwestern Alabama before noon. It snarled traffic and icy roadways were blamed for dozens of accidents including two deaths due to cars skidding off roads and into other cars. The storm exited the eastern part of the state around 8:00 pm CST. One of the factors that caused problems was the rapid entry of Arctic air which helped to create icy conditions as the precipitation was ending especially in the area from Florence to Huntsville.

Autauga County **Prattville**

24 0720CST **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G52)**
Trees were reported across roads in Prattville. Storm spotters estimated wind gusts to 60 mph.

Montgomery County **Montgomery**

24 0725CST **0** **0** **6K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Trees and power lines were downed in Montgomery.

Montgomery County **Montgomery**

24 0726CST **0** **0** **0** **0** **Funnel Cloud**
A funnel cloud was reported along Mobile Avenue in Montgomery.

Elmore County **Millbrook**

24 0730CST **0** **0** **15K** **1K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**
Four mobile homes were damaged including two the were totally destroyed. Trees and power lines also down.

Elmore County **1 N Elmore to** **1.5 NNE Elmore**

24 0737CST **1.5** **50** **0** **0** **45K** **0** **Tornado (F1)**
0740CST

A small tornado occurred on the northeast side of Elmore in southwest Elmore County damaging several house roofs and two mobile homes. At least one shed was destroyed.

Elmore County **Santuck**

24 0752CST **0** **0** **18K** **2K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
A trailer and a barn were damaged at Santuck in central Elmore County by damaging wind.

Coosa County **Rockford**

24 0800CST **0** **0** **7K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Trees were reported down near Rockford in the central part of the county.



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Pike County

11 SW Troy **24** **0845CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime size hail was reported at Henderson in the southwest part of the county.

Lee County

10 SE Auburn **24** **0900CST** **0** **0** **7K** **1K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
A couple of trees were reported down in southern Lee County.

Pike County

Brundidge **24** **0901CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Power lines were reported down in Brundidge in the southeast part of the county.

Barbour County

Eufaula **24** **0955CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime sized hail was reported in Eufaula.

Marion County

Hamilton **24** **1345CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
Dime sized hail was reported in Hamilton.

Marion County

Hackleburg **24** **1355CST** **0** **0** **10K** **3K** **Hail (1.00)**
Hail the size of quarters was reported in Hackleburg in the northern part of the county.

Marion County

9 E Hamilton **24** **1405CST** **0** **0** **12K** **4K** **Hail (2.00)**
The ground was covered by hail up to 2 inches in diameter east of Hamilton.

Winston County

4 S Haleyville **24** **1415CST** **0** **0** **10K** **3K** **Hail (2.00)**
Two inch hail was reported near Delmar in the western part of the county.

Marion County

Bear Creek **24** **1425CST** **0** **0** **8K** **2K** **Hail (1.00)**
Hail about the size of quarters was reported at Bear Creek in the northeast part of Marion County.

Winston County

Haleyville **24** **1435CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**
Hail ranging in size up to dimes was reported at Haleyville.

Winston County

Double Springs **24** **1450CST** **0** **0** **10K** **3K** **Hail (2.00)**
Two inch hail was reported just west of Double Springs along US 278 in the central part of the county.

Lawrence County

10 S Moulton **24** **1450CST** **3** **75** **0** **0** **40K** **8K** **Tornado (F1)**
1455CST
A weak tornado touched down in the William B. Bankhead National Forest and tracked across Highway 33 at the lookout tower. The majority of damage was done to trees and some damage was done to the Forest Service buildings at the tower.

Winston County

Addison **24** **1507CST** **0** **0** **10K** **3K** **Hail (2.00)**
Two inch hail was reported near Addison in northeast Winston County.

Winston County

4 ESE Addison **24** **1508CST** **0** **0** **4K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
Several trees were blown down near the Winston/Cullman county line just off U. S. 278 east-southeast of Addison.

Cullman County

15 W Good Hope to **24** **1510CST** **0** **0** **22K** **5K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**
13 W Good Hope **1515CST**
Wind damage started about 100 yards east of the Winston/Cullman county line near U. S. 278. A shed was damaged along with a few trees. The tin roof of a barn was peeled off and several more trees were uprooted. Another swath of damage from straight line wind occurred about one mile east near the White Oak Creek community. A small house was moved off its foundation and several trees were uprooted.

Tuscaloosa County

Tuscaloosa **24** **1515CST** **0** **0** **7K** **0** **Hail (1.00)**
Hail the size of quarters was reported in downtown Tuscaloosa.



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Cullman County									
15 W Cullman	24	1517CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported along the Cullman/Winston county line.
Tuscaloosa County									
Tuscaloosa	24	1530CST			0	0	7K	0	Hail (1.50)
									Hail larger than half dollars was reported in Tuscaloosa.
Cullman County									
12 NW Cullman	24	1530CST			0	0	9K	3K	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported in Jones Chapel in the northwest part of the county.
Lauderdale County									
10 E Florence to Florence	24	1537CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported along County Road 72 east of Florence.
Lauderdale County									
Killen	24	1542CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dimes size hail was reported at Killen.
Morgan County									
Hartselle	24	1545CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail fell at Hartselle.
Cullman County									
6 E Cullman	24	1553CST			0	0	80K	5K	Thunderstorm Wind (G60)
									Four mobile homes were destroyed, two permanent homes sustained minor damage, and one permanent home had major damage when straight line wind occurred along U. S. 278 in the Berlin and Oak Level communities in the eastern part of Cullman County.
Lauderdale County									
Lexington	24	1600CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Lexington.
Morgan County									
18 SE Falkville	24	1605CST			0	0	7K	2K	Hail (1.00)
									One inch hail was reported in the Hulaco community in the southeast part of the county.
Blount County									
7 N Snead	24	1610CST			0	0	20K	2K	Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
									Two mobile homes on Highway 79 south of the Marshall County line were shifted off their foundations. Two metal outbuildings were destroyed, and trees and power lines were down in the area of Snead in the northern part of Blount County.
Marion County									
Hamilton	24	1617CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in southwest Hamilton.
Marshall County									
Arab	24	1620CST			0	0	8K	2K	Hail (1.50)
									Hail an inch and a half in diameter fell in the area east of Arab.
Tuscaloosa County									
10 W Tuscaloosa	24	1620CST			0	0	5K	2K	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Coker in western Tuscaloosa County.
Jefferson County									
Midfield	24	1623CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
Marshall County									
Douglas	24	1640CST			0	0	7K	1K	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									Trees were downed in the Douglas community in the southern part of the county.
Jefferson County									
Vestavia Hills	24	1644CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
Morgan County									
Trinity	24	1645CST			0	0	7K	1K	Hail (1.00)
									Quarter size hail was reported in Trinity in the northwest part of the county.



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Marshall County

Albertville to Guntersville **24** **1649CST**
1655CST **0** **0** **7K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported along Highway 431 from Albertville to Guntersville.

Jefferson County

Liberty Park **24** **1653CST** **0** **0** **7K** **0** **Hail (1.25)**

Jefferson County

Homewood **24** **1655CST** **0** **0** **15K** **0** **Hail (1.75)**

Morgan County

Decatur **24** **1658CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported on the west side of Decatur.

Marshall County

3 W Douglas **24** **1700CST** **0** **0** **8K** **1K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Large trees were downed west of Douglas near the Blount County line.

Marshall County

Guntersville **24** **1700CST** **0** **0** **10K** **3K** **Hail (1.75)**

Golf ball size hail fell at Guntersville and at several other locations across the county.

Shelby County

3 N Indian Springs **24** **1700CST** **0** **0** **7K** **0** **Hail (1.00)**

Quarter size hail was reported in Meadowbrook.

Limestone County

12 NW Athens **24** **1700CST** **0** **0** **14K** **2K** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Two barns were destroyed and the West Limestone County High School press box was damage in Salem.

Madison County

Huntsville **24** **1700CST** **0** **1** **10K** **0** **Lightning**

A news reporter with a Huntsville television station was slightly injured when lightning struck a pole near him and traveled through the ground and through him. He was covering a weather story at the time.

Tuscaloosa County

5 S Tuscaloosa to 8 ENE Tuscaloosa **24** **1700CST** **10** **200** **1** **10** **5M** **5K** **Tornado (F2)**
1715CST

At approximately 5:00 pm CST, a tornado began on the east side of the Warrior River, south of Interstate 59 and west of County Road 95. Besides trees, the initial damage was to shingles of an apartment complex in the Crabtree area.

The tornado moved on a northeasterly track crossing U.S. 82 and Interstate 59. Two large businesses in a shopping center on the south side of I-59 sustained roof damage.

The tornado became stronger after crossing I-59 with significantly greater damage from this point to the end of the path. Numerous trees were downed, some house roofs were damage, and several outbuildings were destroyed in the Woodland Hills residential area. Several buildings were damaged at Five Points East, the intersection of State Roads 215 and 216, including a Food World and a Big-B Drug Store, among others. Cars were tossed about like toys. One was tossed from the parking lot through the roof of the Food World. Another car was carried from the Food World parking lot into the backyard of a house immediately northeast of the Food World, a distance of between 300 and 400 feet.

The tornado continued northeast through the Lynn Haven residential area causing significant damage to numerous homes, much of it strong F2 damage. Many houses in this section sustained damage that ranged from minor roof damage to total roof loss.

The tornado continued across Tuscaloosa Memorial Gardens Cemetery, paralleling and crossing State Road 216. Six to eight homes in the Summerfield sub-division sustained light to moderate damage. A couple of mobile homes and several other buildings including a small corner grocery business were destroyed. The tornado dissipated in a wooded area just north of State Road 216 shortly after that around 5:15 pm CST.

Tuscaloosa EMA estimated that there were 150 structures with some damage. Total tornado path length was 10 miles with a path width of 200 yards.

There was one fatality, an elderly man in a vehicle in the Woodland Hills area, and ten injuries. Eight of the injuries were treated and released while 2 others were hospitalized. M71VE

Madison County

Huntsville **24** **1706CST** **0** **0** **10K** **0** **Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Several signs were downed along with traffic lights in Huntsville during strong wind with a thunderstorm.

Morgan County

7 SW Hartselle **24** **1708CST** **0** **0** **5K** **0** **Hail (0.75)**

Dime size hail was reported in Massey in southwest Morgan County.



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<u>ALABAMA, North Central</u>									
Jefferson County									
Leeds	24	1715CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
Madison County									
Huntsville	24	1715CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at the Redstone Arsenal.
Madison County									
Huntsville	24	1715CST			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud
									A funnel cloud was reported in southeast Huntsville.
Lawrence County									
8 SE Moulton	24	1730CST			0	0	7K	1K	Hail (1.00)
									One inch hail was reported in Speake in southeast Lawrence County.
Jefferson County									
Bessemer	24	1745CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
Jefferson County									
Hueytown	24	1745CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
Jefferson County									
Trussville	24	1745CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Hail fell across the Birmingham area ranging in size from dimes up to golf balls.
Lamar County									
Millport	24	1755CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Hail ranging in size from pea to dime was reported in southern Lamar County.
Calhoun County									
10 SW Anniston	24	1800CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported on U. S. 78 near the Talladega County line.
Talladega County									
11 NE Talladega	24	1805CST			0	0	5K	2K	Hail (0.75)
									Pea to dime size hail fell near Munford in eastern Talladega County.
Fayette County									
Fayette	24	1805CST			0	0	5K	1K	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail covered the ground in Fayette.
Shelby County									
Hoover	24	1810CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.88)
									Hail around nickel size was reported at Interstate 65 and Valleydale Road. This is part of the city of Hoover in Shelby County.
Franklin County									
Red Bay	24	1813CST			0	0	8K	2K	Hail (1.50)
									Hail up to one and a half inches in diameter was reported at Red Bay in the extreme western part of the county.
Jackson County									
Stevenson	24	1815CST			0	0	6K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									A few trees were downed in Stevenson in central Jackson County.
Jackson County									
Section	24	1850CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Section.
Morgan County									
7 SW Hartselle	24	1853CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail fell just south of Massey in the southwest part of Morgan County.
Walker County									
6 E Jasper	24	1853CST			0	0	6K	1K	Hail (0.88)
									Nickel size hail was reported in the Baldo area in eastern Walker County.
St. Clair County									
Logan Martin Dam	24	1900CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported near Logan Martin Dam in eastern St. Clair County.



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Morgan County									
3 N Eva	24	1914CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail fell at Oden Ridge in southern Morgan County.
Dekalb County									
Henager	24	1917CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Henager in northern Dekalb County.
Dekalb County									
Geraldine	24	1917CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Geraldine in southern Dekalb County.
Blount County									
5 W Hayden	24	1920CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported on Interstate 65 at exit 284 in the western part of Blount County.
Dekalb County									
3 W Geraldine	24	1922CST			0	0	9K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									Numerous trees were downed in the western part of the county.
Blount County									
Nectar	24	1930CST			0	0	15K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									One home was damaged and one outbuilding was destroyed near Nectar in central Blount County.
Calhoun County									
Anniston	24	1940CST			0	0	9K	0	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball sized hail was reported near Anniston.
Madison County									
9 SE Huntsville	24	1946CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Farley.
Calhoun County									
Anniston	24	1950CST			0	0	10K	0	Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
									Several trees were downed in Anniston and a sporting goods store had its front windows blown out.
Etowah County									
Attalla	24	2030CST			0	0	0	0	Funnel Cloud
									A funnel cloud ws reported in Attalla in central Etowah County.
Jefferson County									
9 NW Pleasant Grove	24	2050CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Birmingham in western Jefferson County.
Tuscaloosa County									
Northport	24	2104CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Northport.
Jefferson County									
Hueytown	24	2107CST			0	0	9K	0	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported at Hueytown.
Etowah County									
Gadsden	24	2143CST			0	0	9K	0	Hail (1.75)
									Golf ball size hail was reported just north of Gadsden.
Jefferson County									
Vestavia Hills	24	2147CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported at Vestavia Hills.
St. Clair County									
Pell City	24	2150CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Pell City.
Shelby County									
Pelham	24	2154CST			0	0	5K	0	Hail (0.75)
									Dime size hail was reported in Greystone and near Oak Mountain State Park.



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Shelby County

6 SSE Alabaster to 6 SE Alabaster 24 2215CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported just south of the Shelby County Airport.

Calhoun County

Jacksonville 24 2221CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Jacksonville.

Calhoun County

9 W Oxford 24 2228CST 0 0 7K 1K Hail (0.88)

Nickel size hail was reported in Bynum in southwest Calhoun County.

Bibb County

Centreville 24 2230CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (0.75)

Pea to dime size hail covered the ground at Centreville.

Talladega County

3 NE Lincoln 24 2230CST 0 0 7K 1K Hail (1.00)

Nickel to quarter size hail was reported near Lincoln in the northern part of the county.

Calhoun County

Anniston 24 2230CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported in Anniston.

Talladega County

8 NW Talladega 24 2235CST 0 0 5K 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported near Stemly in western Talladega County.

Tuscaloosa County

5 N Coker to 5.5 NNE Coker 28 0008CST
0011CST 2 75 0 1 85K 2K Tornado (F2)

A small tornado that apparently formed on the north side of a bow echo touched down in a lightly populated area just north of Lake Lurleen State Park and just west of State Road 171 in west central Tuscaloosa County. Damage was primarily to downed trees, however, several structures sustained minor damage with the exception of one house that was completely deroofed. The family in the house was asleep when the tornado struck and one young girl sustained a minor injury in the storm.

EMA officials reported that three mobile homes were damaged along with the one house that was deroofed and at least two barns and several storage buildings were damaged.

Hale County

Greensboro 28 0100CST 0 0 10K 1K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

The Sheriff's office reported several trees and power lines down near Greensboro.

Shelby County

Pelham 28 0130CST 0 0 0 4K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Several trees were blown down by thunderstorm wind in Oak Mountain State Park.

ALABAMA, Southeast

Houston County

Countywide 05 0650CST
0715CST 0 0 150K 0 Thunderstorm Wind

A church steeple was toppled in Wicksburg in western Houston County. A short time later, trees were snapped and a Sony plant received some roof damage. The storm continued across the northern side of Dothan downing many trees and damaging numerous homes and other buildings. Finally, in the northeast part of the county, near Columbia, the storm damaged a mobile home and downed several trees.

Henry County

2.5 N Newville to 8 NE Newville 05 0655CST
0705CST 6 100 0 0 180K 0 Tornado (F2)

A tornado touched down north of Newville, knocking a small wood frame house off its blocks. Two miles further east the tornado caused extensive damage to a home and destroyed another unoccupied home. A barn was destroyed and several vehicles were damaged. The tornado then damaged a house two miles further east. Finally, another two miles east it damaged a house.

Geneva County

Hartford 24 2030CST 0 0 150K 0 Thunderstorm Wind

A severe thunderstorm caused widespread damage across Hartford. An awning to a store was shredded and a roof to a shed was



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blown off and landed on a fire truck. Numerous trees were downed causing power outages. Parts of a flat roof were blown off of the National Guard armory. One home lost most of its roof and several stores in town lost windows. A satellite dish, a pool and a trampoline were damaged or destroyed at one home.

Houston County Dothan

24 2118CST 0 0 30K 0 Thunderstorm Wind

Several homes and businesses were damaged by strong winds. Several large trees were downed along with some power lines.

ALABAMA, Southwest

Choctaw County Ararat

08 0650CST 0 0 Hail (0.50)

Marble size hail covered the ground near Ararat. The hail stayed on the ground for about ten minutes before melting.

Mobile County Wilmer

08 1230CST 0 0 Hail (0.75)

Dime size hail was reported just northwest of Wilmer.

Choctaw County Bolinger

15 1900CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Trees and power lines were blown down along US Hwy 84 just east of Bolinger.

Baldwin County Magnolia Spgs

15 2055CST 0 0 0.50K Thunderstorm Wind (G52)

A spotter reported 60 mph winds near Magnolia Springs. A few trees were also blown down.

Choctaw County Bolinger

24 0600CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Trees and power lines were blown down along US Highway 84 just east of Bolinger.

Mobile County 2 W Citronelle to 1 W Citronelle

**24 0605CST
0606CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)**

Several trees were blown down just west of Citronelle.

Clarke County Grove Hill

24 0620CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Trees and power lines were blown down near Grove Hill.

Washington County Tibbie

24 0625CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Several trees were blown down near Tibbie.

Washington County Chatom

24 0630CST 0 0 30K Lightning

The library in Chatom was struck by lightning. The library suffered mayor damage from the resulting fire.

Baldwin County Blacksher

24 0640CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Several trees were blown down near Blacksher.

Monroe County Frisco City

24 0655CST 0 0 1.5K Thunderstorm Wind (G50)

Several trees were blown down near Frisco City.

Monroe County 4 W Uriah to 3 W Uriah

**24 0655CST
0656CST 0 0 10K Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

Several trees along with power lines were blown down along State Highway 59 and county road 11 near Palmers Crossroads which is west of Uriah. A home in the same area suffered roof damage and damage was also done to Bib Mim's hog parlor.

Monroe County Ollie

**24 0656CST
0657CST 0 0 25K Thunderstorm Wind (G55)**

Shingles were blown from a motel near Ollie. A few storage buildings and signs in the area also suffered damage. Some skirting was blown from mobile homes at a dealership.



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<u>ALABAMA, Southwest</u>									
Monroe County									
Monroeville	24	0700CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees and power lines were blown down near Monroeville.						
Wilcox County									
Camden to Fatama	24	0700CST			0	0	2K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees were blown down along State Highway 265 between Fatama and Camden.						
Butler County									
Georgiana	24	0700CST			0	0	3K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Some large tree limbs were blown down near Georgiana. A house also suffered minor damage to the roof.						
Conecuh County									
Burnt Corn	24	0730CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees were blown down near Burnt Corn.						
Conecuh County									
Owassa	24	0745CST 0746CST			0	0	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
			Several trees and power lines were blown down near Owassa. A trailer was also damaged. No injuries were reported.						
Crenshaw County									
Luverne	24	0830CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Luverne.						
Crenshaw County									
Glenwood	24	0830CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees were blown down near Glenwood.						
Mobile County									
Tillmans Corner	24	0840CST			0	0	10K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trailers had skirting and loose objects blown from around them by high winds. A few trees near the trailer park were also blown down.						
Baldwin County									
Malbis	24	0900CST			0	1	15K		Thunderstorm Wind (G55)
			High winds damaged a construction site near Malbis. One person was injured but refused treatment. Several trees were also blown down.						
Escambia County									
Atmore	24	0930CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees were blown down near Atmore.						
Escambia County									
Mc Cullough	24	0930CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several trees and power lines were blown down near McCullough.						
Mobile County									
Grand Bay	24	1710CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Grand Bay.						
Mobile County									
Theodore to Bellefontaine	24	1723CST 1725CST			0	0			Hail (2.00)
			Large hail was reported in Theodore and also near Bellefontaine.						
Baldwin County									
Fairhope	24	1800CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
			Golfball size hail was reported in Fairhope.						
Baldwin County									
Silverhill	24	1815CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
			Golfball size hail was reported near Silverhill.						
Baldwin County									
Robertsdale	24	1850CST			0	0			Hail (1.75)
			Golfball size hail was reported near Robertsdale.						



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Mobile County									
Bellefontaine	24	1900CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported near Bellefontaine.						
Mobile County									
2 SE Mobile Bates Fld	24	1958CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported just southeast of the Mobile airport.						
Baldwin County									
Orange Beach	24	2000CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported near Orange Beach.						
Baldwin County									
Fairhope	24	2003CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported in Fairhope.						
Mobile County									
Bellefontaine	24	2015CST			0	0	75K		Lightning
			Lightning struck a large home near Bellefontaine during the height of thunderstorm activity Friday evening. The home was heavily damaged and residents around the area could see the blaze for miles.						
Baldwin County									
Fairhope	24	2045CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported just southeast of Fairhope.						
Mobile County									
Mobile Brookley Fld	24	2105CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported just south of downtown Mobile.						
Mobile County									
Dauphin Is	24	2130CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported near Dauphin Island.						
Baldwin County									
Orange Beach	24	2200CST 2203CST			0	0			Hail (0.75)
			Dime size hail was reported around Orange Beach.						
Baldwin County									
Loxley	24	2330CST			0	0	90K		Lightning
			Lightning triggered from thunderstorms moving through the area struck a home in Loxley. The home was totally destroyed and a 60 year old male asleep in the home was killed.						
Mobile County									
Citronelle	28	0500CST			0	0	1.5K		Thunderstorm Wind (G50)
			Several large limbs were blown down in Citronelle.						